

Sincerely she believed herself right in seeking to put her people once more beneath the "gross yoke" which had "dropped off, no more to be endured." Her reward was hatred, failure, heart-break. The English had burst their bonds, and were rushing forth to conquer the world. The will of a peevish invalid could not stay the onward movement.

She gave the love of her starved heart to a cold, selfish libertine who possessed as far as one knows, no single quality that could deserve it; and the fact seems to be typical of the piteous life.

"God alone knows!" says Jack Norris shrewdly, "I think no one knows but He. She is pious; she is zealous; she has a will of her own; she is miserly; she is liberal; she has a sad soul and a merry dress; she is silent; she can speak like an orator, for I heard her at the Guildhall in February, and she set my heart afire; then she put it out again next day by her coldness. She cut off the head of her cousin, and half a score more; and she let four hundred rebels go free. If you can make a woman out of that, you are wiser than I." G.M.R.

### Verses.

Lord, give the mothers of the world  
More love to do their part;  
That love which reaches not alone  
The children made by birth their own,  
But every childish heart.  
Wake in their souls true motherhood,  
Which aims at universal good.

Lord, give the teachers of the world  
More love, and let them see  
How baser metals in their store  
May be transformed to precious ore  
By love's strange alchemy.  
And let them daily seek to find  
The childish HEART beneath the mind.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

### The Way.

"What shall I do to gain eternal life?"  
Discharge aright  
The simple dues with which each day is rife,  
Yea, with thy might.

—Schiller.

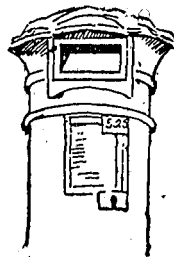
### A Word for the Week.

Among the foremost of our needs, as considered at present, is that of harmony in organisation and co-ordination of method. Undoubtedly this, as the primary movement, will lead to a decided revolution of the profession generally, and by uniting forces and working in a systematic manner, much power and better results will be gained. Energetic individual thinking along the lines of State Registration and its contemporary as well as subsequent activities, is required of all nurses who mean to be up-to-date and who expect to rise in the profession.

—D. Elva Mills on Nursing Ethics.

### Letters to the Editor.

NOTES, QUERIES, &c.



*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

### OUR GUINEA PRIZE.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

Miss Colvin begins to acknowledge with many thanks receipt of cheque for guinea puzzle prize for July.

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### JUSTICE WILL WIN.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM—I am watching with great interest the "State Registration of Trained Nurses," and hail every step forward with great joy.

Is not victory appreciated the more after a thoroughly good tussle?

What is England's great pride to-day! Enemies crushed by the wielding of a sword, countries annexed by merely stepping in? No, by struggle and bloodshed.

Then stand together nurses—there is strength in unity—and hold by what you say.

Be firm without losing your true womanly modesty.  
Justice will win.

Yours truly,  
INTERESTED.

Dehra-on-Sone, Arrah  
District, India.

### PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—Many private nurses keep in touch with the nursing world through your admirable journal and many, no doubt, read your recent remarks on the above subject with pleasure. Too long has the impression been emphasised that private nursing is a second-rate part of the profession, with little or no scope for personality upon the part of the nurse. My experience goes to corroborate all you say in this matter, and how all important it is that private nurses should be women of the keenest intelligence and highest character.

I note in an Australasian Magazine, a Matron writes: "Unfortunately, it is not every nurse who obtains her certificate who is competent to manage a ward, and some will never rise above the level of private nurses." Now may I ask why English and Colonial nurses depreciate the status of private nurses, whilst in the United States, nursing in private families is looked upon as the most responsible branch of all nursing?

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